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# *Sunday 17 July 2022*

## *Sixth Sunday after Pentecost*



*Christ in the House of Martha and Mary,*  
Johannes Vermeer 1654–1655, Scottish National Gallery.

### *Welcome to St Philip's*

We acknowledge the Ngannawal people, the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we worship, and pay our respects to their Elders past and present and emerging. We extend that respect to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples who worship with us.

**St Philip's COVIDSafe Plan:** We are asking folk not attend church if they feel unwell, to be aware of their hand hygiene and to be mindful of social distance. Thank you. Masks are available for those who wish to wear one.

**Pewsheets including the Order of Service:** the full Pew sheet is available on our website. The QR code in the pews will direct you to the current edition, please use your phone/tablet and follow along. Service cards, Pew Bibles and Prayer Books are also available.

**Offertory:** at the offertory when our gifts are brought forward, there is an opportunity for you to make your contribution. A self-serve Eftpos machine is available in the foyer, you can use it before or after the service. St Philip's EFT details are also available if you would like to make a direct transfer: 702-389 05202512. Giving cards are in the foyer if you wish to place something in the offertory bag after giving electronically.

**Communion:** if you are baptised you are welcome to receive communion, which at present is in 'one kind.' If you would like to receive a blessing please cross your hands on your chest as you come forward.

### *From the Rector*

Dear Friends

As I write, I have just tested positive for COVID, not really surprising given my movements last week. I am resting up and doing as much as I can from home. I am not alone, and we wish all those who have contracted the virus a speedy recovery. I will be back on deck on Friday next all being well. Many thanks to the clergy covering my absence. As you can see from the Parish Council Key Points we are continuing to monitor the situation and update our plan. The new variants of the virus are clearly highly contagious and we want to ensure as best we can that the health and well-being of all is served.

One of the features of our Youth Group gatherings is time spent in meditation. To begin our time of quiet we use an introduction to remind us of posture etc. Part of the intro concerns distractions which inevitably come. In today's reading from Luke - the story of Jesus' visit to Martha and Mary, twice Jesus reminds Martha that she is 'distracted.' Jesus it seems believes that the offer of hospitality on Martha's part has become a distraction, he is suggesting perhaps that true hospitality is to listen to the needs of your guest. Mary on the other hand free of distraction is able to listen intently to Jesus. Our 'Uluru Statement from the Heart' sessions which begin this week are an opportunity to lay aside distractions, and to engage in what Jesus calls 'the better part,' the art of listening.

Although I am confined to the Rectory, I am available should you need to call or email. Many folk have offered help, for which I am very grateful, please reach out if you require any assistance.

Every blessing, *Martin*

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### *Eucharist for the sixth Sunday after Pentecost*

**Introit Hymn (10am)** 187 (TiS)

Let all creation dance  
in energies sublime,  
as order turns with chance,  
unfolding space and time  
for nature's art  
in glory grows,  
and newly shows  
God's mind and heart.

God's breath each force unfurls,  
igniting from a spark  
expanding starry swirls,  
with whirlpools dense and dark.  
Though moon and sun  
seem mindless things,  
each orbit sings:  
"Your will be done."

Our own amazing earth,

with sunlight, cloud and storms  
and life's abundant growth  
in lovely shapes and forms,  
is made for praise,  
a fragile whole,  
and from its soul  
heav'n's music plays.

Lift heart and soul and voice:  
in Christ all praises meet  
and nature shall rejoice  
as all is made complete.  
In hope be strong.  
All life befriend  
and kindly tend  
creation's song.

*Brian Wren 1936-*

### **Entrance Antiphon**

**In returning and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and trust shall be your strength.**

*Isaiah 30:16*

In the name of the Father ✠ and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

**Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, confident in God's forgiveness.

**Merciful God, our maker and our judge, we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, and in what we have failed to do: we have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves; we repent, and are sorry for all our sins. Father, forgive us. Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Almighty God, who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith: pardon you and set you free from all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness and keep ✠ you in eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**Lord have mercy,  
Christ have mercy,  
Lord have mercy.**

### **Gloria**

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

### **Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray:  
Eternal God,  
you draw near to us in Christ  
and make yourself our guest:  
amid the cares of our daily lives,  
make us attentive to your voice and alert to your presence,  
that we may treasure your word above all else.  
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

### **Today's Readings**

*A reading from the book of Genesis 18:1-10a*

The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. <sup>2</sup>He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. <sup>3</sup>He said, 'My lord, if I find favour with you, do not pass by your servant. <sup>4</sup>Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. <sup>5</sup>Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.' So they said, 'Do as you have said.' <sup>6</sup>And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, 'Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes.' <sup>7</sup>Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. <sup>8</sup>Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate. <sup>9</sup>They said to him, 'Where is your wife Sarah?' And he said, 'There, in the tent.' <sup>10</sup>Then one said, 'I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son.'

*Psalm 15*

Lord, who may abide in your tabernacle :  
or who may dwell upon your holy hill?

**Whoever leads an uncorrupt life and does the thing which is right :  
who speaks the truth from the heart, and has not slandered with the tongue;**

He that has done no evil to a friend :  
nor vented abuse against a neighbour;

**In whose eyes the worthless have no honour :  
but who makes much of those that fear the Lord;**

Whoever has sworn to a neighbour :  
and will not go back on that oath;

**Who has not put his money to usury :  
nor taken a bribe against the innocent.**

Whoever does these things :  
shall never be overthrown.

*A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians 1:15-29*

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; <sup>16</sup>for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup>He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup>He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. <sup>19</sup>For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, <sup>20</sup>and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

<sup>21</sup>And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, <sup>22</sup>he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him— <sup>23</sup>provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel. <sup>24</sup>I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. <sup>25</sup>I became its servant according

to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, <sup>26</sup>the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. <sup>27</sup>To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. <sup>28</sup>It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ. <sup>29</sup>For this I toil and struggle with all the energy that he powerfully inspires within me.

### **Gradual hymn (10am) 136 (TiS)**

There's a wideness in God's mercy  
like the wideness of the sea,  
and forgiveness in his justice  
sealed for us on Calvary.

There is plentiful redemption  
in the blood that has been shed;  
there is joy for all the members  
in the sorrows of the Head.

For the love of God is broader  
than the measures of our mind;  
and the heart of the Eternal  
is most wonderfully kind.

But we make his love too narrow  
by false limits of our own,  
and we magnify his strictness  
with a zeal he would not own.

If our love were but more simple  
we should take him at his word;  
and our lives would be illumined  
by the goodness of our Lord.

*Frederick William Faber 1814-1863*

### **Gradual (8am)**

Alleluia,  
**alleluia!**

God's commission was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints.

*Colossians 1:26*

### **Alleluia!**

The Lord be with you.

### **And also with you.**

*A reading from the Gospel according to Luke 10:38-42*

### **Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ**

Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. <sup>39</sup>She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. <sup>40</sup>But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me.' <sup>41</sup>But the Lord answered her, 'Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; <sup>42</sup>there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.'

For the Gospel of the Lord,  
**praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

### **The Sermon**

### **The Nicene Creed**

Let us affirm the faith of the church

**We believe in one God, the Father, the almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of**

**all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, ✠ and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

### **Prayers of the People**

In our prayers we remember those in need, particularly: Ben, Gage, Hugh, Sarah, David, Otto, Bob, Noel, Ermida, Vanessa, Molly and Katherine, those unable to gather with us, those in hospital, residential or home care and those from whom we are isolated.

We pray for Raw Potential, the Outreach Workers as well as the disadvantaged young people they support. We pray that accommodation may be available for young people when they need it, and that they may have the confidence to accept the assistance that Raw Potential can provide. We pray that the Outreach Workers will be successful in making connections with disadvantaged young people so that they can help them to begin to turn their lives around. We pray that our contributions will have a positive impact on this important service.

We commend to God the recently departed, those whose anniversaries fall at the time: Carola Parke (19/7/2012), Shelia 'Dot' Mayo (22/7/2002), Mervyn McInnes (22/7/2011), the victims of war and pandemic, all whose memories are dear to us, and those who have no one to remember them.

### **The Greeting of Peace**

We are the body of Christ.

**His Spirit is with us.**

The peace of the Lord, crucified and risen be always with you.

**And also with you.**

### **Offertory Hymn (10am) 457(TiS)**

The church's one foundation  
is Jesus Christ her Lord:  
she is his new creation  
by water and the word;  
from heaven he came and sought her  
to be his holy bride;  
with his own blood he bought her,  
and for her life he died.

Elect from every nation  
yet one o'er all the earth,  
her charter of salvation,  
one Lord, one faith, one birth;  
one holy name she blesses,  
partakes one holy food,  
and to one hope she presses  
with every grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder  
the world sees her oppressed,  
by schisms rent asunder,  
by heresies distressed,

yet saints their watch are keeping,  
their cry goes up, 'How long?'  
and soon the night of weeping  
shall be the morn of song.

Through toil and tribulation  
and tumult of her war  
she waits the consummation  
of peace for evermore,  
till with the vision glorious  
her longing eyes are blessed,  
and the great church victorious  
shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth has union  
with God the Three in One,  
and mystic sweet communion  
with those whose rest is won.  
O happy ones and holy!  
Lord, give to us the grace  
like them, the meek and lowly,  
in heaven to seek your face.

*Samuel John Stone 1839-1900*

### **Offertory**

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this bread to offer,  
which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become the bread of life.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this wine to offer,  
fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become our spiritual drink.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

### **Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere,  
mighty Creator, everliving God.

We give you thanks and praise for your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who by the power of your Spirit was born of Mary  
and lived as one of us.

By his death on the cross  
and rising to new life,  
he offered the one true sacrifice for sin  
and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.

Therefore with angels and archangels,  
and with all the company of heaven,  
we proclaim your great and glorious name,  
for ever praising you and saying:  
**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth and full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he ✕ who comes**

**in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Merciful God, we thank you  
for these gifts of your creation,  
this bread and wine,  
and we pray that by your word and Holy Spirit,  
we who eat and drink them  
may be partakers of Christ's body and blood.

On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread;  
and when he had given you thanks  
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying,  
'Take, eat. This is my body given for you.  
Do this in remembrance of me.'

After supper, he took the cup,  
and again giving you thanks  
he gave it to his disciples, saying,  
'Drink from this all of you.  
This is my blood of the new covenant  
shed for you and for many  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do, this, as often as you drink it in remembrance of me.'

Therefore we do as our Saviour has commanded:  
Proclaiming his offering of himself  
made once for all upon the cross,  
his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,  
and looking for his coming again,  
we celebrate with this bread and this cup,  
his one perfect and sufficient sacrifice  
for the sins of the whole world.

Great is the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died.**  
**Christ has risen.**  
**Christ will come again.**

Renew us by your Holy Spirit,  
unite us in the body of your Son,  
and bring us with all your people  
into the joy of your eternal kingdom;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
with whom and in whom,  
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit  
we worship you, Father,  
in songs of never-ending praise:  
**Blessing and honour and glory and power  
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to pray,  
**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be  
done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as  
we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us  
from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever.  
Amen.**

**The Breaking of Bread and Communion**

As this broken bread was once many grains,  
which have been gathered together and made one bread:

**so may your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.**

**Agnus Dei**

**Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us your peace.**

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Come let us take this holy sacrament of the body and blood of Christ in remembrance that he died for us, and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

**Communion Antiphon**

**For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things.**

*Colossians 1:19-20*

**The Sending out of God's People**

Let us pray:

Gracious God,

we thank you that in this sacrament you assure us of your goodness and love. Accept our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving and help us to grow in love and obedience that we may serve you in the world and finally be brought to that table where all your saints feast with you for ever.

Most loving God, **you send us into the world you love. Give us grace to go thankfully and with courage in the power of your Spirit.**

**Recessional Hymn (10am) 215 (TiS)**

You servants of God,  
your Master proclaim,  
and publish abroad  
his wonderful name;  
the name all-victorious  
of Jesus extol:  
his kingdom is glorious,  
and rules over all.

God rules on high,  
almighty to save;  
and still he is nigh,  
his presence we have;  
the great congregation  
his triumph shall sing,  
ascribing salvation  
to Jesus our King.

Salvation to God,  
who sits on the throne!  
let all cry aloud,  
and honour the Son:  
the praises of Jesus  
the angels proclaim,  
fall down on their faces,  
and worship the Lamb.  
Then let us adore,  
and give him his right,  
all glory and power,

all wisdom and might,  
and honour and blessing,  
with angels above,  
and thanks never-ceasing,  
and infinite love.

Charles Wesley 1707-1788

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, ✕ the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

### *Reflection*

Martha opened her home to Jesus and his disciples. Providing hospitality and welcome to strangers was of vital importance within Judaism and in Middle Eastern culture generally. The rabbis taught that Abraham left off a discussion with God and went to greet guests when they arrived at his camp. He ran to greet them during the hottest day on record and served them the best food he could put together. Based on that example, the rabbis said that taking care of guests is greater than receiving the divine presence.

When Jesus sent out his disciples to prepare the way for him to come to towns and villages on the way to Jerusalem, he told them to look out for and stay with those, like Martha, who would welcome them (Luke 10). So, Jesus' words to Martha, while they can appear critical, were not intended as a denigration of the role she was fulfilling, which, as we have thought, has a vital place in Middle Eastern culture. Jesus had already affirmed Martha's hospitality by welcoming and receiving all she offered. However, he also wanted to affirm Mary's action as well because Mary's action points to an alternative role for women which could only begin to be realised as a result of his affirmation.

Mary sat at Jesus' feet listening to what he said. That was the usual posture of a disciple of any teacher in the ancient world. But disciples were usually male, so Mary would have been quietly breaking the rule that reserved study for males, not females. Martha was possibly not merely asking for help but demanding that Mary keep to the traditional way of behaving. Jesus, though, affirmed Mary in the place and role of a disciple: "Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her."

Jesus refused to be sidetracked by issues of gender when faced with women in any kind of need and consistently put people before dogma. Luke's Gospel not only reports that Jesus had female disciples, but specifically names them in Luke 8.1-3. Throughout his Gospel, Luke pays particular and positive attention to the role of women; presenting women, not only as witnesses to the events surrounding the birth and resurrection of Jesus, but also as active participants in God's Messianic purposes. This counter-balance to the patriarchy of the time was necessary in order to signal the value of both women and men in God's plan of salvation and their equal importance in the new community that was the Church.

We know that within the Church and wider society, including the City of London, gender equality and full equality across the diversity agenda is still to be fully realised. Here at St Stephen Walbrook we have held two events recently regarding gender diversity; a meeting of Women and the Church regarding the ongoing campaign for gender justice in the Church of England and 'Women in the City' an event which highlighted women's involvement in the civic, cultural, charitable and social opportunities in the City of London and argued that gender balance on boards encourages better leadership and governance. At St Stephen Walbrook, we wish to work more fully with a range of organisations in the City to celebrate and encourage greater diversity.

In Christ's Church and kingdom there should be no gender divide in how we serve and follow him. So, like Martha, each of us (male and female) can practise and value the ministries of welcome, hospitality and service of all and, like Mary, each of us can practise and value making

Jesus the central focus of our lives and learning as his disciples.

Martha and Mary:  
A reflection by the Revd Jonathan Evens,  
Associate Vicar of St Martin-in-the-Fields, London, UK

## *News*

### **Pandora's & St Philip's Christmas in July**

This Saturday 24 July – 10am – 2pm

- **Pandora's Winter Collection** including:  
Coats, Boots, Hats, Scarves, Gloves and more
- **Better Bits**
- **Books**
- **Winter Bar & BBQ**

As well as the joys of browsing you can enjoy some warming treats and have the chance to catch up with the Pandora's volunteers and our regular customers, experience the work of Pandora's and to help raise funds for important outreach projects.

### **Key points from the July Parish Council Meeting**

- **COVIDsafe Plan.** – Council has drafted an update of St Philip's COVIDsafe Management Plan (long form and summary versions) and continues to monitor the situation.
- **Safety Audit and Inspection.** – Council recently conducted a Work Health & Safety Audit of the church premises and compiled a list of minor tasks.
- **First-aid kits.** – St John's Ambulance has replenished the first-aid kits.
- **Weekly giving arrangements.** – Council has completed its review of St Philip's weekly giving arrangements and has decided to continue with cash collections. Many thanks to all who provided feedback.
- **Rectory path.** – A contractor has laid a concrete path from the Rectory to the Lamerton Centre. A small band of Parishioners had dug the footings. Next steps are to install concrete wheel stops and tidy up the surrounds.
- **Rectory maintenance.** – A contractor has finished repairing the Rectory eaves. In addition, Council recently completed its annual inspection of the Rectory.
- **Church gardens.** – A Parishioner took the initiative to conduct a general clean-up of the church gardens and remove old stumps and logs. Other Parishioners have been busy clearing leaves, especially from the courtyard. Council is grateful to all involved.

### **A Voice in the Wilderness: Listening to the Statement from the Heart**

You are invited to listen to the voice of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people through a study prepared by the ABM's Reconciliation Coordinator Celia Kemp and Wiradjuri man the Revd Canon Glenn Loughrey.

From the foreword to the study:

'Listening is an important, if not dying, art form. Being able to hear the voice of the other is deeply challenging. It seems to me, at least, that many Australians wish to hear the voice of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. They truly want to hear what is on our hearts.'

Bishop Chris McLeod, National Aboriginal Bishop.

From the introduction to the study:

'I am sometimes asked about First Nations people because of where I live and what I do.

The question is often phrased:

*"So, how do we solve the Aboriginal problem?"*

This resource is not about how we solve 'the Aboriginal problem'.

Instead, I believe listening to the Statement from the Heart, reveals a lot about what is actually going on in Australia.

If we listen only to people like us, then our way of seeing the world is reinforced.

Listening to the other isn't comfortable. It risks shattering boundaries and ideas that keep us safe and make the world predictable and secure for us and those we love.

But listening helps us to see our country and ourselves more clearly.

So, the first question isn't do I agree or disagree with the Statement right now.

It is whether I want to stay with it long enough to allow the encounter with it to change me.'

Celia Kemp, Reconciliation

## Coordinator for the Anglican Board of Mission

This 10-week study will be held in church from 7–9pm each Tuesday evening from 19 July to 20 September. If you would like to 'come and listen', please write your name on the sign-up sheet in the church foyer. Study books will be available for \$30 or you can download a free copy from <https://www.abmission.org/resources/a-voice-in-the-wilderness/>. To find out more about this opportunity to stop, listen and pray speak with Alison Davidson.

Our Mission outreach moves soon from the National to the Local. We will be supporting the ministry of **Raw Potential** who work among disadvantaged young people in our local community. The Raw Potential Vision is to empower disadvantaged youth by providing non-judgemental support and opportunities for a bright future. To help break the cycle of poverty and set our clients on a course that allows them to realise their raw potential and worth.

In 1986, Honourable Chief Justice Terence Higgins AO, then a practicing Canberra barrister, recognised a gap in the social support services available to the Canberra region's most vulnerable "at risk" youth.

Chief Justice Higgins and a small group of like-minded supporters established a Canberra chapter of Open Family; a Melbourne based charity founded by Fr Bob Maquire. The charity was named Open Family (ACT) and its goal was clear: to offer the "at risk" youth of the Canberra region a future. The committee soon expanded and identified a need to remain solely focused on that goal, so in 2010, Supporting Canberra Street Kids Limited was established which began trading as YouthCARE Canberra.

A high demand for services presented an opportunity for the organisation to expand the services provided and better cater to the needs of "at risk" youth. In 2019, the charity decided to change its name to better reflect the essence of its work. Many kids that it supports have had a raw deal in life and are emotionally raw from their experiences. Yet they have so much potential and just need someone to believe and support them to release it.

Most recently in May 2021, Raw Potential Youth engaged the services of Women Community Service (WCS) as part of the outreach program making Raw Potential one of the most flexible service providers for youth in the Canberra region.

Since 1986 through to the present, the organisation has adopted a unique and pro-active Outreach Program to improve the well-being and self-worth of the Canberra region's alienated and excluded street youth.

For more information check out their website at <https://rawpotential.com.au/>

If you would like to contribute towards the cost of **flowers** see Susan or use one of the envelopes in the narthex. They can be dedicated in memory of a loved one or in thanksgiving and a note placed in the pew sheet.

The ministry from **St John's Care** is increasingly important in what are difficult economic times for many. Currently SJC are keen to receive donations of Vegemite, jam, pasta meals, large tinned fruit and disinfectant.

If you are able to assist please leave your donations in the baskets at the back of the church. Cash donations are also appreciated, please see their website [www.stjohnscare.org.au/](http://www.stjohnscare.org.au/) for further information on how to contribute.

**Call to Prayer for the 15th Lambeth Conference.** Friday 22 July, 6-8pm @ St John's Reid. Anglicans – and other Christians – from around Canberra are called to attend a Prayer Vigil on Friday 22 July at 6pm, hosted by St John's Reid.

The Prayer Vigil will take the form of a Eucharist presided by the Rector of St John's, The Revd Dave McLennan, and will include an extended time of prayer for the bishops of the Anglican Communion (including our own Bishop Mark and Bishop Carol) as they travel to England from all around the world to attend the 15th Lambeth Conference from 26 July to 8th August 2022.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, asks: "Please pray that as we meet and consider our shared mission and ministry, that we may hear the call from God. In turn, that we might add our voices to call others to make a difference for Christ in the world."

## *This week @ St Philip's*

Today Sixth Sunday after Pentecost  
8am **Eucharist**

10am	<b>Eucharist with Hymns</b>
Tuesday 19 July 7-9pm	<i>Feria</i> Uluru Statement from the Heart - Reflection
Wednesday 20 July 10am-12noon	<i>Feria</i> Pandora's sorting & tidying
Thursday 21 July 10am	<i>Feria</i> <b>Eucharist</b>
Saturday 23 July 10am-2pm 11am	<i>Feria</i> Pandora's & St Philip's <b>Christmas in July</b> <b>Eucharist</b> – Kankinya
Sunday 24 July 8am 10am	<i>Seventh Sunday after Pentecost</i> <b>Eucharist</b> <b>Eucharist with Hymns</b>

## Roster

		17-Jul-22	24-Jul-22	31-Jul-22	
	Sunday of Month	3rd	4th	5th	
	Liturgical Season	6th Sunday of Pentecost	7th Sunday of Pentecost	8th Sunday of Pentecost	
	Flowers	Jeannette	Kerry-Anne	Judy	
8am Eucharist	Celebrant	Rev'd Canon Scott	Rev'd Martin	Rev'd Martin	8am
	Preacher (if different to Celebrant)				
	Sidespeople	Rhonda & Susan	Shane & Tim	Susan J & helper	
	Liturgical Assistant	Rev'd Martin	Brian McK		
	1st Bible reader - OT	Rebecca P	Shane W	Susan J	
	2nd Bible reader - NT	Julianne S	Shane W	volunteer	
10am Eucharist with music	Celebrant	Rev'd Canon Scott	Rev'd Martin	Rev'd Martin	10am
	Preacher (if different to Celebrant)				
	Sidespeople & Welcomer	Laura W, Jeannette Mch & Richard G	Fred A, Janene B & Sally A	Leighton M & volunteers	
	Liturgical Assistant	Rev'd Martin	Philippa W		
	Musician(s) & Singers/Soloist	Colin F	Colin F	Colin F	
	1st Bible reader - OT	Jeanette D-T	Jos G	Kerry-Anne C	
	2nd Bible reader - NT	Liz D	Richard G	Sarah B	
	Morning Tea	Liz D	Katie C	Janene B	
	<i>Additional details/notes</i>	<i>School Holidays</i>			

## Dates for your Diary

Friday 9 September      Diocesan Synod (9-11 Sept)